

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 21, lines 21-25 according to the following:

**Figure 18** is an image depicting a comparison of the amino acid sequence of mouse resistin (SEQ ID NO: 2) with hRELM-A (SEQ ID NO: 4). The consensus sequence is depicted between the mouse and human sequences. Conservative amino acid changes are indicated by "+". Further, the locations of the invariable cysteine residues are indicated by a "•".

Please amend the paragraph on page 22, lines 6-12 according to the following:

**Figure 22**, comprising Figures 22A - 22E, depicts the double-stranded nucleic acid sequence of human resistin gene. The top strand (SEQ ID NO: 56) which comprises from about corresponds to nucleotide 159120-98189 to about 15470-102258 of the sequence of the contig from human Chromosome 19 (GenBank Acc. No. AC008763). The sequence depicted along SEQ ID NO: 5 is the reverse complement of SEQ ID NO: 6, i.e., it is the bottom strand of the figures commences at nucleotide 1 which corresponds read from right (starting with a nucleotide complementary to nucleotide number 159120 102258 of GenBank Acc. No. AC008763) to left, and ends at about nucleotide 4420, which correspond with the (ending with the nucleotide complementary to nucleotide number 154701 98189 of GenBank Acc. No. AC008763).